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AUGMENTATION OF MOBILE NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has a proposal to augment mobile network capacity during the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the target set therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the achievements so far made with regard to expansion of mobile network in the country, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) In the 10th plan, BSNL has planned for 223.84 lakh mobile connections in the licensed service areas in which it operates. Out of this, BSNL had provided 94,47,357 cellular connections upto 31-03-2005. In accordance with MOU with the Government, BSNL has set a target of releasing 65 lakh cellular connections during the current financial year and tentatively 75 lakh cellular connections are planned during the year 2006-07. State-wise breakup of the targets of 2005- 06 and 2006-07 and achievements during the current financial year till 31.10.2005 are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

State-wise cellular distribution of cellular targets for 2005-06 and 2006-07 and achievement (upto 31-10-2005)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Target for 2005-06	Target 2006-07 (Tentative)	Achievements 2005-06 Till 31-10-2005
	EAST ZONE			
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	6000	8000	7037
2.	Assam	130000	150000	60898
3.	Bihar	380000	420000	63699
4.	Jharkhand	150000	170000	47597
5.	North East I (Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura)	45000	51000	10736
6.	North East II (Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur)	45000	51000	42059
7	Orissa	224000	250000	75064
8.	West Bengal (Including Sikkim)	420000	500000	183474
	SOUTH ZONE			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	450000	520000	39733
2.	Karnataka	500000	580000	169557
3.	Kerala	450000	500000	56598
4.	Tamil Nadu	600000	700000	193731
	NORTH ZONE			
1.	Haryana	170000	195000	164286
2.	Himachal Pradesh	80000	94000	79165
3.	Jammu and Kashmir	120000	140000	186504
4.	Punjab	220000	254000	24728
5.	Rajasthan	410000	475000	336575
6.	Uttar Pradesh	820000	950000	790240

7	Uttaranchal	80000	92000	99799

WEST ZONE

1.	Maharashtra (Including Goa)	500000	580000	203327
2.	Gujarat	400000	465000	154301
3.	Madhya Pradesh	200000	240000	46814
4.	Chhattisgarh	100000	115000	29694

TOTAL:	6500000	7500000	3065616